GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4168
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2002
REQUEST OF MAHARASHTRA FOR REDUCTION IN PRICES OF LEVY SUGAR
CHANDRAKANT BHAURAO KHAIRE

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra have requested the Union Government forreduction in retail price of levy sugar to be distributed to BPL families;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have taken any steps in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): Yes Sir. The Government of Maharashtra requested the Central Governmentto revise the retail issue price of levy sugar being distributed through Public DistributionSystem (PDS) from Rs.13.25 per kg. to Rs.10.00 for BPL families and Rs.5 per kg. for Antyodaya families. The State Government has been informed, inter alia, that it would not be possiblefor the Central Government to accede to the request of the Government of Maharashtra as it wouldincrease the burden of subsidy on the public exchequer.